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For: COMPOSITE OF SUPPORT MATRIX AND COLLAGEN, AND PROCESS FOR
PRODUCING SUPPORT SUBSTRATE AND COMPOSITE

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003. Also enclosed is a copy of an Office Action issued on May 19, 2009 in the corresponding Japanese application. Please note that JP-A-2001-521789, JP-A-5-337143, JP-A-2002-159502, WO 98/024385 A1, and JP-A-52-110997 cited in the corresponding Japanese Office Action were previously submitted in an IDS to the USPTO on February 8, 2007, and therefore are not being cited again.

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merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicant is filing concurrently herewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). No fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations: An English language abstract is submitted herewith for JP-A-10-244009.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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